

# COMPETENCY EVALUATION TOOL for GASTROSTOMY (G) or JEJUNOSTOMY (J) TUBE WATER FLUSHES

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Pass Fail Or N/A	Assessed by: (RN Name)	PROCEDURE FOR WATER FLUSHES
1.			Checks physician's orders
2.			Gathers equipment
3.			Informs individual of what is being done
4.			Checks placement of tube if part of individual's G/J tube protocol
5.			Positions individual in correct position
6.			Washes hands
7.			Clamps/pinches G/J-tube before unplugging or disconnecting feeding.
8.			Places plug or hangs feeding bag tubing so that they remain free of contamination.
9.			While G/J-tube is still clamped/pinched separates barrel from plunger of syringe and places tip of syringe into tube
10.			Pours prescribed amount of water into barrel of syringe, unclamps the tube and allows water to slowly enter stomach /intestine by gravity. (For J-tube, may have to replace plunger back into barrel and push water in gently.)
11.			Clamps tube when syringe has just completely emptied.
12.			Inserts plug or reconnects tube to pump tubing.
13.			If indicated—rechecks setting on pump, turns pump on, and unclamps tube.
14.			Documents that flush has been given.

Based on this Competency Evaluation Tool, I, \_\_\_\_\_ have  
*Name of RN*  
determined that \_\_\_\_\_ is competent to administer  
*Name of Staff Person*

Water flushes via G/J tube to : \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Name of Individual*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of RN*                      *Date*                      *Phone Number*

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*Staff Person Signature*                      *Date*